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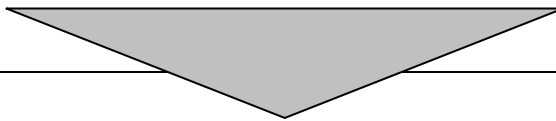
## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO — (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2002)

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1. At the Third Regular Session of the Executive Board in 2001, the Board members requested to be regularly informed about emergency operations (EMOPs) approved either under the delegated authority of the Executive Director, or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
2. The first such report was provided to the Board at the Second Regular Session of 2002, reflecting the period of the previous year. The information then started to be provided twice a year, with the report covering the first half of 2002 provided at the Third Regular Session of 2002. At this current session of the Board, the report is being provided for the period 1 July–31 December 2002. The next report, covering the first half of 2003, will be shared at the Third Regular Session of the Board in 2003, in October.
3. To inform the Executive Board members adequately without duplicating information already provided through other sources, this report includes the list of all approved emergency operations with the main project statistics and a brief overview of figures and key trends.
4. A total of 17 EMOPs were approved from 1 July through 31 December 2002, to assist more than 9.2 million vulnerable people in urgent need of food aid, in 22 countries. Among these operations, five EMOPs were approved jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO and 12 operations were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director, including ten immediate-response EMOPs approved locally, by Country Directors, under the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director. These 17 operations represent a commitment of almost 700,000 metric tons (mt) of food, with a food cost of US\$178 million and an expected overall operational and support cost to WFP of almost US\$286 million.
5. Appropriate information for all emergency operations approved in the second half of 2002 has been listed in the attached tables, organized by the EMOPs' approval level.
6. The Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO jointly approved five emergency operations with an individual value of committed food in excess of US\$3 million, in: the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Madagascar, Western Sahel (Mauritania, Cape Verde, Senegal, Gambia and Mali), Pakistan and the Russian Federation. Almost 8 million vulnerable people are expected to receive WFP relief assistance through these EMOPs, which have a cumulative food commitment of over 684,400 mt, valued at US\$172.8 million. The overall cost of these operations to WFP, including transport and support costs, is expected to be over US\$276.7 million, representing 92 percent of the value of all EMOPs approved.
7. Two emergency operations with an individual food value under US\$3 million were approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director to meet the needs of two regional crises: "Civil Strife in Côte d'Ivoire and Regional Implications" (Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Burkina Faso) and "Emergency Pre-positioning of Food Commodities for the Iraq Crisis" (Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Syria and Turkey). These two regional EMOPs will help almost 1 million vulnerable people in immediate need of food aid. The food value of these operations is US\$4 million, representing a commitment of nearly 9,900 mt of food. The overall cost to WFP of these EMOPs is expected to reach US\$7.2 million.
8. WFP Country Directors used the authority delegated to them by the Executive Director to approve ten immediate-response EMOPs, each with an overall cost of up to



US\$200,000, in: Albania, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, Ghana, Haiti, Mali, Niger and Iran. 257,700 vulnerable people were assisted through the WFP immediate-response EMOPs. The food value of these projects was just over US\$1.2 million, representing a commitment of over 4,250 mt of food. The overall cost to WFP of these operations was over US\$1.7 million. The beneficiaries in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Mali have also received subsequent WFP assistance through the above-mentioned regional EMOP 10244.0, approved under the delegated authority of the Executive Director.

9. Of the 17 emergency operations approved (in 22 countries), eight operations were in Africa (in ten countries), three in Latin America (in three countries), three in the Mediterranean, Middle East and Central Asia region (in six countries), two in Eastern Europe (in two countries) and one in Asia (in one country). Africa remains the continent with the highest number of emergency operations.
10. While WFP's focus during the first half of 2002 was on the six countries of the Southern Africa region, 70 percent of all the emergency resources approved during the second half of 2002 related to a single emergency operation in the DPRK. The other main emergency operations of WFP approved between July and December 2002 included: Western Sahel (representing 10 percent of the overall emergency requirements), Pakistan (8 percent), Russian Federation (5 percent) and Madagascar (3 percent).
11. Around 80 percent of the overall emergency food needs have resulted from natural disasters, mostly drought and crop failures, including those in DPRK and Western Sahel. WFP was also called upon to assist people affected by earthquakes in Iran, floods in Albania, hurricanes in Cuba and volcano eruptions in Ecuador. WFP's emergency resources required in response to conflict situations represented 18 percent of emergency needs, mainly in Pakistan (Afghan refugees), Northern Caucasus (internally displaced and conflict-affected from Chechnya) and Côte d'Ivoire. In some countries, the food crisis was the result of a combination of factors. In Madagascar, WFP has been assisting populations affected by a combination of natural disasters and political and economic disturbances. In DPRK, the food crisis caused by the drought was exacerbated by the country's economic downturn.
12. While, WFP's early projections for the whole of 2002 indicated that an estimated 1.9 million mt would be required for approved emergency operations,<sup>1</sup> the Programme actually appealed for over 2.8 million mt from January to December 2002. However, it was already anticipated in early 2002 that the requirements would increase during the year due in part to expected large-scale needs in DPRK and a looming crisis in the Sahel region. In addition, unforeseen emergencies such as the violent upsurge of civil unrest in Côte d'Ivoire have resulted in higher requirements.
13. The emergency food aid requirements in 2002 have also exceeded WFP's emergency requirements approved during the year 2001. In terms of the overall costs, WFP has been appealing for US\$1.4 billion in 2002, compared with US\$1.1 billion in 2001, representing a 27-percent increase. This noticeable increase in the emergency food aid appeals reflects WFP's commitment to maintaining strong response capacity to the increasing number and range of emergencies and people affected.

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<sup>1</sup> Yellow Pages, February 2002.



**EMOPS APPROVED JOINTLY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
OF FAO DURING THE PERIOD JULY–DECEMBER 2002 (as of 31.12.02)**

Bureau/Country	No.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original length of the EMOP (days)
<b>Asia</b>								
ODB/DPRK	10141.0	Emergency Assistance for Vulnerable Groups	512 000	201 087 982	137 176 102	6 436 300	02.12.02	365
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>512 000</b>	<b>201 087 982</b>	<b>137 176 102</b>	<b>6 436 300</b>		
<b>Africa</b>								
ODJ/Madagascar	10236.0	Assistance to Victims of the Political Crisis in Urban Areas, the Cyclone and Floods in Toamasina and Drought in Southern Madagascar	18 398	8 134 046	4 277 450	394 250	30.10.02	180
ODD/Western Sahel	10249.0	Emergency Assistance to Populations Affected by Drought and the Drop in Cereal Production	55 365	27 876 478	11 124 023	578 550	12.12.02	365
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>73 763</b>	<b>36 010 524</b>	<b>15 401 473</b>	<b>972 800</b>		
<b>Mediterranean, Middle East and Central Asia</b>								
ODC/Pakistan	10228.0	Assistance to Afghan Refugees	64 665	23 909 316	11 957 748	288 000	29.10.02	365
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>64 665</b>	<b>23 909 316</b>	<b>11 957 748</b>	<b>288 000</b>		
<b>Eastern Europe</b>								
ODR/Russian Federation	10128.0	Emergency Food Assistance to Conflict-Affected Internally Displaced Persons and Vulnerable Households in the North Caucasus	34 011	15 718 320	8 301 474	290 500	04.10.02	365
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>34 011</b>	<b>15 718 320</b>	<b>8 301 474</b>	<b>290 500</b>		
<b>Total (a)</b>			<b>684 439</b>	<b>276 726 142</b>	<b>172 836 797</b>	<b>7 987 600</b>		

Note: Figures extracted from the official signed document.



**EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
DURING THE PERIOD JULY–DECEMBER 2002**

Bureau/Country	No.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original length of the EMOP (days)
<b>Africa</b>								
ODD/Côte d'Ivoire	10244.0	Civil Strife in Côte d'Ivoire and Regional Implications	4 145	3 020 824	1 033 800	94 000	31.10.02	90
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>4 145</b>	<b>3 020 824</b>	<b>1 033 800</b>	<b>94 000</b>		
<b>Mediterranean, Middle East and Central Asia</b>								
ODC/Regional	10259.0	Emergency Pre-Positioning of Food Commodities for Iraq Crisis	5 723	4 193 549	2 982 350	900 000	27.12.02	90
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>5 723</b>	<b>4 193 549</b>	<b>2 982 350</b>	<b>900 000</b>		
<b>Total (b)</b>			<b>9 868</b>	<b>7 214 373</b>	<b>4 016 150</b>	<b>994 000</b>		

Note: Figures extracted from the official signed document.



**EMOPS APPROVED UNDER THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR  
DURING THE PERIOD JULY–DECEMBER 2002**

Bureau/Country	No.	Title	Tonnage (mt)	Total cost (US\$)	Food cost (US\$)	Beneficiaries	Approval date	Original length of the EMOP (days)
<b>Eastern Europe</b>								
ODR/Albania	10238.0	Emergency Food Assistance to Flood-Affected Vulnerable People in Albania	322	161 039	78 552	30 000	02.10.02	30
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>322</b>	<b>161 039</b>	<b>78 552</b>	<b>30 000</b>		
<b>Africa</b>								
ODD/Burkina Faso	10245.0	Assistance to Burkinabé Fleeing Conflict in Côte d'Ivoire	650	199 624	81 690	14 000	14.10.02	90
ODD/Ghana	10242.0	Refugees Influx from Côte d'Ivoire	570	199 969	128 100	20 000	15.10.02	90
ODD/Côte d'Ivoire	10243.0	Assistance to IDPs	309	199 066	154 210	9 300	24.10.02	60
ODD/Mali	10247.0	Malian Population Returning from Côte d'Ivoire	475	199 753	164 300	33 000	22.10.02	30
ODD/Niger	10246.0	Assistance to Nigerian People Fleeing Conflict in Côte d'Ivoire	442	187 373	133 339	15 000	25.10.02	90
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>2 446</b>	<b>985 785</b>	<b>661 639</b>	<b>91 300</b>		
<b>Latin America and Caribbean</b>								
ODM/Cuba	10239.0	Hurricanes Isidore and Lili	651	199 864	174 973	33 400	10.10.02	45
ODM/Ecuador	10250.0	Immediate Relief Operation for Victims of the Eruption of El Reventador	94	75 477	61 016	3 000	08.11.02	90
ODM/Haiti	10262.0	Food assistance to Drought-Affected Population in Haiti's Far West	320	198 110	150 350	75 000	20.12.02	30
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>1 065</b>	<b>473 451</b>	<b>386 339</b>	<b>111 400</b>		
<b>Mediterranean, Middle East and Central Asia</b>								
ODC/Iran	10227.0	Assistance to Earthquake Victims	422	109 578	91 025	25 000	31.07.02	30
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>422</b>	<b>109 578</b>	<b>91 025</b>	<b>25 000</b>		
<b>Total (c)</b>			<b>4 255</b>	<b>1 729 853</b>	<b>1 217 555</b>	<b>257 700</b>		



<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR THE PERIOD JULY–DECEMBER 2002</b>
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	Beneficiaries	Total WFP food commitment (tons)	Total WFP cost (US\$)	WFP food cost (US\$)
<b>Total (a)</b>	7 987 600	684 439	276 726 142	172 836 797
<b>Total (b)</b>	994 000	9 868	7 214 373	4 016 150
<b>Total (c)</b>	248 400	4 255	1 729 853	1 217 555
<b>GRAND TOTAL*</b>	<b>9 230 000</b>	<b>698 562</b>	<b>285 670 368</b>	<b>178 070 502</b>

\* In order to avoid double counting the beneficiaries, total (c) does not include beneficiaries under immediate-response EMOP Côte d'Ivoire, as they have also been included under the EMOP Côte d'Ivoire 10244.0, which was implemented subsequently.

